

LTRC Tap/ Jazz Dance Program

November 2011 Newsletter

LTRC Tap/Jazz web page: www.ltrc.org/tapandjazz ~ Please check our page often for updated information.

Dancer Drop off: We would like to remind you that we cannot be responsible for your dancer until he or she enters the classroom. Dancers should not be left off at the curb to walk up and enter the building alone or left in the lobby or vestibule unsupervised. Please wait with your dancer until he or she is called into the classroom by the instructor.

Sick Policy / Flu Season: While we very much appreciate your efforts to bring your dancers to class each week, it's important that dancers who are sick not attend class. We want to keep our staff and dancers as healthy as possible and to avoid the spread of germs especially the flu in our program. If your dancer is ill or stayed home from school, please have them stay home from dance. If your dancer becomes ill in class, we will call as soon as possible for pick up. We are following the guidelines set by Baltimore County Public Schools as well as most schools. Dancers should be fever free for at least 24 hours before returning to dance and if they are still not feeling well, they should stay home. As always, please continue to encourage your dancers to wash their hands frequently or to use a hand sanitizer. We will remind them when possible.

Missing class: If your dancer will miss class regardless of the reason, please either email or call/text me so I can notify your dancer's instructor as soon as possible so she can plan accordingly. We sincerely appreciate those of you who have notified us to date. Thank you all for your consideration and cooperation in keeping dancers home while sick to help all of us stay healthy!

KIDS Production Production: ALL dancers in classes from Pre-K through 4th grade will perform in an additional routine in their recital called KIDS Production. The dancers in KIDS Production will learn the routine in class and will have two to three SHORT evening rehearsals depending on their age. Portions of the costume for KIDS Production will be created by the dancers; however, there will be an additional costume fee for the KIDS Production of \$20 per dancer. Additional details will be given at a later date.

Grand Finale Production: ALL dancers in classes from 5th grade through Adults will perform in an additional routine in the recital called Grand Finale Production. The dancers in Grand Finale Production will learn the routine in three to four SHORT evening rehearsals on November 4th, December 2nd, January 27th and/or March 2nd. The dancers in Grand Finale Production will not have a costume since they will wear the last costume they performed in however there may be a small charge for accessories. The cost, if any, for dancers in the Grand Finale Production will be determined at a later date.

Grand Finale Production Rehearsal #1: ALL dancers in classes from 5th grade through Adult dancers should plan to attend a rehearsal on **Friday, November 4th at Pinewood Elementary in the cafeteria** according to the schedule below in order to learn the first 6-8 counts of 8 of Grand Finale Production. (NOTE: Some schools are closed on November 4th but we will still have dance and Grand Finale Production rehearsal.) All dancers will be performing in this number in their recital therefore ALL dancers should attend these Grand Finale Production rehearsals. Grand Finale Production will be practiced once each week in your dancer's regular class(es) but there is not time to re-teach the choreography since the instructors will be concentrating on technique and their normal recital routine choreography. If your dancer cannot make the rehearsal on November 4th, please have them get together with another dancer if possible to learn the missed choreography.

(L) = classes held at Lutherville

(T) = classes held at Timonium

(P) = classes held at Pinewood

Friday, November 4th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm ~ ALL dancers in the Mon 5:00 Jazz (L), Mon 6:00 Tap (L), Mon 7:00 Jazz (L), Tues 4:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop (L), Tues 5:00 Lyrical (L), Thurs 6:30 Lyrical (P), Thurs 7:30 Jazz/Hip-Hop (P), Thursday 4:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop (L), Wed 8:00 Tappercise (T) and Wed 9:00 Adult Jazz (T)

Friday, November 4th from 7:45 - 8:45 pm ~ ALL dancers in the Wed 4:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop (L), Wed 5:00 Tap (L), Wed 7:00 Tap (L), Thurs 5:00 Lyrical (L), Thurs 8:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop (T), Thurs 9:00 Lyrical (T), Fri 4:45 Lyrical, Fri 5:45 Jazz/Hip-Hop (L), Fri 6:45 Lyrical (L) ** and All Company dancers

** NOTE: Friday 6:45 pm Lyrical will only have class till 7:30 pm on Nov 4th to allow sufficient time to transfer to Pinewood.

If your dancer has classes listed in both sessions, he or she only needs to attend one of the sessions. If you have more than one dancer listed in both sessions, all of your dancers can attend the same session. In order to keep the sessions equal in number, please email, call or text me for any other requests to attend a different session.

Rainedout.com Many parents or Adult dancers have still **not** signed up for rainedout.com. We spoke to almost every single parent and dancer in person during the first week of classes to let you know how important this is. Since we have so many new dancers this year, we will do one more paper copy of the newsletter in November. Future newsletters will only be available on line unless you opt to still receive a paper copy. However you still must sign up for rainedout.com. If class is cancelled, you will not be notified unless you have registered with rainedout.com.

Therefore, last reminder ~ If you have not already done so, you must sign up for rainedout.com (FREE registration). You will be notified through rainedout.com when the monthly newsletter is posted on our LTRC web page and for class cancellation, changes and important reminders.

1. Go to www.rainedout.com
2. To start receiving alerts, search for your organization (enter **LTRC**)
3. Click on **LTRC Tap/Jazz** (not LTRC dance)
4. **Enter your email address or cell phone number**
5. Check the box that says you agree to terms and click on "**start sign-up**"
6. **Enter validation code** sent to email address or cell phone number

You are now registered. If you want to receive messages to both email and cell repeat steps 4-6

NOTE: If you have limited text messages, you may want to sign up for email only.

Inclement Weather: If the Baltimore County Public School (BCPS) system makes a decision to close early "in anticipation of inclement weather" and cancels "after school activities", this does not necessarily mean that dance is cancelled. Baltimore County Dept of Rec and Parks will make their own decision in this instance whether to cancel or not. However, if BCPS close early or are closed "due to inclement weather", we are closed. If you are unsure whether we have class or not, you can always check rainedout.com or call/text me.

Registration balances: Company auditions are now complete and emails will be sent shortly to collect the additional registration balances.

Costumes: Costume deposits (\$40 per class) are due no later than Friday, December 2nd. **Since costume companies have increased their processing times, we can no longer give any grace period in order to have costumes by our recitals. We must have the costume deposit(s) by December 2nd or cannot order your dancer a costume(s).** We suggest you pay the deposit(s) as soon as possible. You can pay the costume deposit(s) anytime between now and December 2, 2011. Costumes usually average between \$65 and \$80 per class. If you wish, you can pay \$65 per class instead of the \$40 deposit per class. The remaining costume balances (if any) will be due by February 24, 2012. If you need help or are not sure of your balance, please contact Mr. Joe and Miss Lisa at 410-665-0357 or ltrccolburns@verizon.net. Please make checks payable to LTRC and mail to our Treasurers, Mr. Joe and Mrs. Lisa, at the following address:

Joe and Lisa Colburn
LTRC Tap/Jazz
3936 Forest Valley Rd
Baltimore, MD 21234

*** An additional cost of \$20.00 will be required for all dancers in the PreK-K Tap/Jazz combo classes, 1st to 2nd grade Tap and Jazz classes and 3rd to 4th grade Tap and Jazz classes to cover the cost of part of the costume for KIDS Production. The total cost is \$20.00 no matter how many classes your dancer takes. The additional fee will not be due until February 24, 2012.

A word about costumes ~ Jazz, Tap, Jazz/Hip-Hop, Lyrical and Hip-Hop costumes are more complex and cost more than a simple Ballet leotard with a tutu. We will do everything in our power to keep the costs down and keep the costumes in the range of \$65 to \$80 per class. You will be notified by the beginning of February of the balance due for costumes. Payments of remaining costume balances must be received or postmarked by February 24, 2012.

For a \$20.00 late fee per dancer, you can take an additional 2 weeks to pay your outstanding balance but ALL money must be given to your dancer's instructor or hand delivered to the Treasurers no later than Friday, March 9, 2012. If you are taking advantage of the extension, you should NOT mail your payments. All outstanding balances must be paid however in order for your dancer to participate in the recital(s), all outstanding balances must be received no later than Friday, March 9, 2012.

NOTE: Any outstanding money not postmarked or received by February 24, 2012 will be subject to the \$20 late fee. We would rather not charge any late fees but are trying to be fair to those who paid on time. As with any business/program, we also have expenses that must be paid on time.

2011-2012 Company Dancers: Our LTRC Tap/Jazz Program has several Companies & Levels of Companies ~ Dance Technique Company (DTC), Company, Tap Production Company and Dance Company Elite (DCE). Congratulations to the following dancers who were selected for one or more of our 2011-2012 Companies:

Beth Awalt
Sarah Baker
Katelynn Baseman
Taylor Bensley
Danielle Chandler
Morgan Colburn
Danielle Deros
Daniela DiGiacomo
Ivana Djukic
Sarah Dooley

Nicole Drinkwater
Olivia Finckel
Meredith Harris
Ashley Jones
Nia Jones
Kelly Kleintank
Claire Klender
Alison Kochesfahani
Alyssa Kornick
Sasha Maraj

Kali Mason
Allison McClelland
Ben Miller
Lizzy Peper
Veronica Rider
Amy Rivoli
Jessica (Missi) Salter
Brianna Van Pelt
Val Wagner-Hippen
Taylor Wenzl

Recital Weekend for 2012 ~ As per the rainedout.com message, we just got word that our dress and tech rehearsals and recitals will be at Dulaney High School the weekend of May 25 to 27, 2012. Please save ALL three dates!! Your dancer's **mandatory dress/tech rehearsals** could be on **Friday, May 25th and/or Saturday, May 26th**. Specific dates and times will be distributed no later than April 1, 2012. The list of which classes will be in the 12:00 recital and which will be in the 4:30 Recital will be distributed no later than February 1, 2012.

To give you a little background, when selecting a date and location for our recitals, many, many factors are considered such as auditorium size (space available for both the audience and dancers), changing rooms (size and location), stage requirements (can we tap on the stage, front and back curtain options), accessibility to the stage, sound system, lighting capabilities, location and cost to name a few. Most locations do not fit our program needs (especially budget) or are simply not available. Dulaney High School is the absolute best fit so we need to work around their availability. Fortunately this year our permit was approved but unfortunately Memorial Day weekend was not our first choice of dates. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Since attending tech and dress rehearsals is mandatory for all dancers, we will do my best to work the dress and tech rehearsal schedule around dancers who have notified me by email no later than November 30, 2011 of major conflicts affecting them like the Towson or Dulaney's Senior Prom, graduations, weddings, communions, bat mitzvah, etc. Again, please email me any conflicts. Do not notify your dancer's instructor ~ they will only refer you to me.

2011-2012 LTRC Tap/Jazz Dance Calendar for November:

Unless indicated below, dance classes will be held as normal:

- Monday, October 31st ~ No dance classes ~ Happy Halloween
- Friday, November 4th ~ some schools closed for Professional Development/end of marking period but we still have dance
- Friday, November 4th ~ Grand Finale Production rehearsal for ALL 5th graders through Adult dancers
Pinewood cafeteria ~ see page 1 for times
- Monday, November 7th ~ By now, all dancers have been placed in the correct class and should have proper dance attire and shoes
- Friday, November 11th ~ Some schools or businesses closed for Veterans Day but we still have dance
- Thursday, November 17th ~ No classes at Timonium ~ PTA Family Dinner Night
Lutherville and Pinewood classes still held
- Monday, November 21st ~ School closed for BCPS Elementary School Conference Day but we still have dance
- Wednesday, November 23rd through Friday, November 25th ~ No dance classes ~ Happy Thanksgiving

Recital information:

- Friday, May 25, 2012 and Saturday, May 26, 2012 ~ Mandatory Tech and Dress Rehearsals for all dancers
- Sunday, May 27, 2012 ~ Recitals

Additional calendar dates will be provided in future newsletters.

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If you would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the monthly newsletters, please complete the information below. If obtaining the monthly newsletter on line at www.ltrc.org/tapandjazz is sufficient, no further action is needed.

I would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the monthly newsletter:

Dancer's name _____

Parent's name _____

Parent's signature _____

Date _____

Please tear and turn into your dancers instructor by no later than Friday, November 18, 2011.
